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Please deliver following message from President to

Mayor Brandt at earliest appropriate opportunity ~~next~~ morning
of October 26:

QUOTE I have Mr. Lightner's report of your comments to him after my address to the nation last night. It was reassuring to know of your support for the course of action we have found it necessary to take in the Cuban situation.

The ramifications of the Cuban problem go ~~many~~^{far} beyond this hemisphere and the consequent developments will probably have major implications for Berlin. These are the hard facts and I know you are fully aware of them. But ^{it} ~~is~~ is for this very reason that your clear and unequivocal stand is gratifying.

Yours is the type of leadership the people of West Berlin need and will continue to need. And it is a great comfort to us that you are the Governing Mayor of the city at this very critical

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critical juncture. I hope we will be able to remain in constant touch to assure that everything necessary is being done to strengthen the position of the free world.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

John F. Kennedy UNQUOTE.

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